



P.B.5818 - Patentlaan 2
2280 HV Rijswijk (ZH)
☎ +31 70 340 2040
TX 31651 epo nl
FAX +31 70 340 3016

Europäisches
Patentamt

Zweigstelle
in Den Haag
Recherchen-
abteilung

European
Patent Office

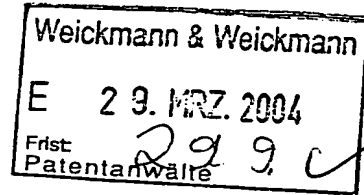
Branch at
The Hague
Search
division

Office européen
des brevets

Département à
La Haye
Division de la
recherche

Liska, Horst, Dr.-Ing.
Weickmann & Weickmann
Patentanwälte
Postfach 86 08 20
81635 München
ALLEMAGNE

EU



Datum/Date
29.03.04

Zeichen/Ref./Réf.

31650P EP LAmr

Anmeldung Nr./Application No./Demande n°/Patent Nr./Patent No./Brevet n°.

03022692.2-2119-

Anmelder/Applicant/Demandeur/Patentinhaber/Proprietor/Titulaire
HONDA MOTOR COMPANY LTD.

COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits as an enclosure the European search report for the above-mentioned European patent application.

If applicable, copies of the documents cited in the European search report are attached.

☒ Additional set(s) of copies of the documents cited in the European search report is (are) enclosed as well.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

☒ abstract

☒ title

☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.

The following figure will be published together with the abstract: 2

REFUND OF THE SEARCH FEE

If applicable under Article 10 Rules relating to fees, a separate communication from the Receiving Section on the refund of the search fee will be sent later.





DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.7)
A	US 2002/094469 A1 (YANAGIHARA KAZUNORI ET AL) 18 July 2002 (2002-07-18) * page 10, left-hand column, paragraphs 122-125; figure 8 * ---	1-20	H01M8/06 H01M8/04
A	US 6 426 158 B1 (KELLEY RONALD J ET AL) 30 July 2002 (2002-07-30) * the whole document * ---	1-20	
A	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2002, no. 02, 2 April 2002 (2002-04-02) & JP 2001 281393 A (JAPAN NUCLEAR CYCLE DEVELOPMENT INST STATES OF PROJECTS), 10 October 2001 (2001-10-10) * abstract * -----	1-20	
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl.7) H01M
Place of search MUNICH		Date of completion of the search 19 March 2004	Examiner Koessler, J-L
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS			
X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 03 02 2692

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report.
The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

19-03-2004

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
US 2002094469	A1	18-07-2002	JP 2002289237 A DE 10201668 A1		04-10-2002 14-11-2002

US 6426158	B1	30-07-2002	NONE		

JP 2001281393	A	10-10-2001	NONE		
